

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-23 are currently pending. Claims 1, 8-10, and 16-23, which are independent, are amended. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the Specification as originally filed and specifically at Figure 10.

No new matter has been introduced. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to the claims are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. SUPPORT FOR THIS AMENDMENT

Citations to Figures and Specification locations are provided. However, such citations are provided merely as examples and are not intended to limit the interpretation of the claims or to evidence or create any estoppel.

As an example, support of the amendment can be found at Figure 10 of the Specification, which is reproduced as follows:

FIG. 10

MOS METADATA	INTERNAL METADATA
afObj	Aquisition
afID	Assignment@id
afSlug	Assignment@title
photographer	Camerman
reporter	Reporter
description	Description

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,775,680 to Ehrman, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Ehrman”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,295,752 to Jain, et al. (hereinafter, merely, “Jain”)

IV. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

...wherein the conversion table includes predetermined conversion information to convert a tag in the notation format in the predetermined language into a tag in the notation format compatible with the video signal processing apparatus. (emphasis added)

Applicants submit that Ehrman and Jain, taken either alone or in combination, fail to disclose or render predictable the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, nothing is found that discloses or renders predictable **“wherein the conversion table includes predetermined conversion information to convert a tag in the notation format in the predetermined language into a tag in the notation format compatible with the video signal processing apparatus,”** as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is allowable. For the same, or similar reasons, the other independent claims 8-10 and 16-23 are also allowable.

V. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

Similarly, because Applicants maintain that all claims are allowable for at least the reasons presented hereinabove, in the interests of brevity, this response does not comment on each and every comment made by the Examiner in the Office Action. This should not be taken as acquiescence of the substance of those comments, and Applicants reserve the right to address such comments.

CONCLUSION


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims remaining in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of the statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited reference or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portion or portions of the reference or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP
Attorneys for Applicants

By 

Thomas F. Presson
Reg. No. 41,442
Brian M. McGuire
Reg. No. 55,445
Ph: (212) 588-0800
Fax: (212) 588-0500